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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6235

INFO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY IMMEDIATE

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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SAHELIAN FOODSTUFF EMERGENCY

1. AS FORESEEN IN EARLIER REPORTING WHOLE SYSTEM HAS NOW
BACKED UP. BOTH COTONOU AND PARAKOU BURSTING AT SEAMS WITH IN-
COMING SAHELIAN RELIEF SUPPLIES AND OUTGOING COTTON.
MAIN FACTORS CREATING MONUMENTAL CONGESTION ARE:
(1) SHORTAGE OF TRUCKS COMING TO PARAKOU; (2) EARLY
ARRIVAL OF DEL RIO; (3) FAILURE OF CHINESE TO
SEND SHIPS FOR COTTON EXPORT. CONFLUENCE ALL
THESE FACTORS MEANS DEL RIO CARGO PLUS OTHER HEAVY
ARRIVALS EXPECTED IN NEAR FUTURE WILL HAVE TO BE
STORED IN OPEN WITHOUT BEING COVERED FOR SOME TIME.
HEAVY RAIN EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS.

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2. URGENTLY REQUEST USAID PROCURE AND AIR SHIP

INFLATABLE MILITARY STORAGE STRUCTURES CAPABLE OF
HOLDING SOME 5,000 MT FOR COTONOU AND SAME AT PARAKOU.
TEAM TO ERECT FACILITY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED. TO
BE OF MAXIMUM UTILITY, THESE STRUCTURES MUST ARRIVE
BY END OF THIS WEEK.

3. THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH WFP
REP EYBEN WHO AGREES THAT IT IMPERATIVE SOME
SUCH EMERGENCY MEASURE BE TAKEN IF WE ARE TO SAVE
BULK OF ARRIVING FOODSTUFFS FROM RAIN. EYBEN IS
MAKING SIMILAR REQUEST THROUGH WFP CHANNELS.
THEREFORE, ANY ACTION WE CONTEMPLATE SHOULD BE
COORDINATED IN ROME AND NIAMEY. MCNAMARA

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